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I. DISCLOSURE

A. U.S. Patents

| <u>Patent No.</u> | <u>Inventor</u> | <u>Issue Date</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5,678,045 | Bettels | 10/14/97 |

B. Foreign Patents

| <u>Reference No.</u> | <u>Country</u> | <u>Pub. Date</u> |
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| 08-097853 | Japan | 04/12/96 |
| 10-083362 | Japan | 03/31/98 |

C. Literature

1. Derwent Abstract Accession No. 96-245101/25, published by Derwent Abstracts, Class T01, regarding Japanese published application 08-097853, published April 12, 1996.
2. Derwent Abstract Accession No. 98-256828, published by Derwent Abstracts, Class W01, regarding Japanese published application 10-083362, published March 31, 1998.

II. DISCUSSION

A. U.S. Patent No. 5,678,045

The '045 patent was cited as an X-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding Patent Cooperation Treaty patent application. An X-type reference is of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when taken alone.

B. Japanese Reference No. 08-097853

Based solely on the drawings and the corresponding Derwent English language Abstract, the '853 reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a method of transmitting email without requiring addresses of partners to be specifically identified.

The '853 reference and the corresponding Derwent English language Abstract were cited as X-type references in a Search Report for a corresponding Patent Cooperation Treaty patent application.

C. Japanese Reference No. 10-083362

Based solely on the drawings and the corresponding Derwent English language Abstract, the '362 reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose filling in the name of a person included in the back text field into an address field. The name of the person is converted into an email address.

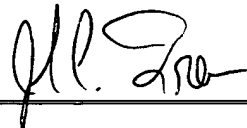
The '362 reference and the corresponding Derwent English language Abstract were cited as X-type and P-type references in a Search Report for a corresponding Patent Cooperation Treaty patent application. A P-type reference is published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed.

III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicants wish to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicants' desire,

however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record.

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